JDW:

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As you will gather from what I sealed to mail tomorrow, if you read it, there are, as always, new problems.

When I learn of them and they seem important enough, I make what effort I can.

I had to go into town on an errand for Lil so I saved a day in getting the letters to Ray and Livingston mailed at the post office. When I returned Lil told me that Jim had phoned again to tell me that the damage has already been done. Until I see him in the next few days I'll assume that this means CBS already has the nut Livingston on film. That will be damage.

Fensterwald should have thought of it and done something. But he is almost as bas himself so I guess expecting that was expecting too much.

Jim heard from Bud earlier today. Bud then for the first time referred to the letter I wrote him about McDonald. I think that was in July. He said he would phone me. I asked Jim to have him make it late in the afternoon or after supper. For him to call now would be more like after a pre-bed snack.

Bud told him that McDonald's book is being printed by Zebra, the Bay area outfit I've heard of from L.A. but not the Bay area. Newhall says they have no listed phone. Others tell me they seem to have specialized in left-wingish reprints.

McDonald is due in this area in a couple of weeks. The lady friend of one of his villains, the dead one, phoned yesterday or the day before.

There are aspects that make me cling to the possibility this is a black book.

The deal with Zebra was supposedly hinged to one with the Enquirer.

Two days of interruptions, two days not without other problems and unpleasantnesses, are not the kind I want when I'm trying to get a book out. I had to forgo some planned photo work today.

Unless the letter to Pike serves a purpose from breakfast on the entire day was spent on what makes it a waste, what ought not have to concern anyone. Things that should not happen.

All the pressures are building. The Ford/Colby-Pike incident means more than the TV news indicated. It is a fake issue on the administration's side. Disclosure discloses nothing. They are picking the first possible fight to abort. Now with the incompetence added to all the seamy stuff, have they a real choice?

If Pike is willing to tangle I have given him what he can use. Too bad the Democrats seem to be political eunuchs. Picking this phoney fight gives them one of the many opportunities none of which they've used. With what I have in mind they can even involve one of Ford's cabinet members in the suppressions and illegal classifications. Coleman, as I may have written.

If he goes for it I'll have given awat part of a book. At least. And I'll have still another delay in finishing with PM.

I guess the one good thing I can say for the day has two parts: there is still a little of the good Scotch left and with it I've had The Pirates of Penzance in the background.

If I've written of an inability to get the Tatler September Special for Lesar, they appear to have reprinted and I have one, so please don't bother. Saw and got it when I was in town today.

Best,